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**September 6, 2013**

***Reminders!***

**Public Hearing on Ten Mile Creek Limited Amendment for the Clarksburg Master Plan**

**September 10 6:00pm**

**Maryland-National Capital Park & Planning Commission**

**8787 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring**

*You must Sign up to testify after August 30, 2013.* For more information about the Amendment, visit

[http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/community/plan\\_areas/l270\\_corridor/clarksburg/clarksburg\\_lim\\_amendment.shtm](http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/community/plan_areas/l270_corridor/clarksburg/clarksburg_lim_amendment.shtm)

**County Council Public Hearing: Countywide Transit Corridors Plan**

**September 24 and 26 7:30pm**

**Council Office Building**

**100 Maryland Avenue, Rockville**

This plan will affect development of the County's proposed Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) system. For more information on the BRT, visit the MCDOT website: <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot/index.html> or call Chuck Lattucca, BRT Manager at 240-777-7170.

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***Montgomery County Council  
Vice-President Craig Rice***



*Invites you to his Damascus Community meeting!*

***September 18, 2013 at 6:30pm***

***Damascus Community Center***

***25520 Oak Drive, Damascus***

***Come and discuss what is important to you and the Damascus community!***

***Questions, please call 240-777-7955 or email the office at: [councilmember.rice@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:councilmember.rice@montgomerycountymd.gov)***

***All are welcome!***

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**Healthcare Reform Forum in Bethesda - *Rescheduled!***

**Thursday, September 12 7:00pm-8:30pm**

**Bethesda-Chevy Chase Regional Services Center**

**4805 Edgemoor Lane, Bethesda**

A brief presentation will be provided outlining the key components of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA), as well as how one can prepare for enrollment beginning October 1, 2013. A question-and-answer session will follow the presentation.

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## **Montgomery County Recreation Cancels Popular Pooch Pool Party as Precautionary Response to Local Outbreak of Canine Influenza**

As a precautionary measure – in response to the recent spread of canine influenza (dog flu) in Montgomery County -- the Recreation Department has cancelled its popular Pooch Pool Party scheduled for September 7 and 8. "In light of the canine flu that has shown up in Montgomery County, we are canceling the Pooch Pool Party scheduled at the Wheaton – Glenmont Pool," said Gabe Alborno, Recreation Department director. "It is disappointing to have to cancel this popular event, but we feel it is the right decision to proactively protect our pets from the potential spread of the virus."

While County Animal Services Division officials confirm there have been cases of the canine flu in the County they believe that with precautions, such as dog owners limiting dog to dog contact with dogs other than their own, the spread of the virus can be minimized. County officials recommend that dog-owners contact their veterinarians with any concerns or questions. According to [a report](#) issued by the Maryland departments of Agriculture, Health and Mental Hygiene, and Natural Resources, the Canine Influenza was reported in Montgomery County on August 21. Initially, six cases and two fatalities were recorded. A week later, up to 20 cases had been reported in the County.

The Centers for Disease Control and Protection indicates that that this virus is not a threat to humans. The symptoms of this illness in dogs are cough, runny nose and fever. However, a small proportion of dogs can develop severe disease. For more information on the virus, go to <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/canine/>.

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## **Ride On Bus Expanding Service Upcounty with Routes 83 and 94** **Thursday, September 26 6:30pm** **Upcounty Regional Services Center** **12900 Middlebrook Road, Germantown**

Ride On bus route 83 will bring service to the new Germantown Holy Cross Hospital and route 94 will provide bus service from Clarksburg to the Germantown MARC train station. The forum will begin at 6:30 p.m. and end after the last speaker presents remarks. In case of inclement weather, the public forum will be held on October 3. See announcement at [http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/PR\\_details.asp?PrID=12120](http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/PR_details.asp?PrID=12120)

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## **Road Maintenance Project in Upcounty**

*Goshen Estates* community, in the Gaithersburg East service area, will receive pavement repairs beginning on or about the week of September 9, 2013. The project should be completed within three to four weeks, weather permitting. Work hours will be between 7:00 am and 5:00 pm Monday through Friday.

For more information on resurfacing projects throughout the county, visit the [Division of Highway Services' website](#) or call **311** (TTY, call 301-251-4850), Monday through Friday, 7:00 am to 7:00 pm.

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## **County residents asked to take Survey about the Transportation Needs and Concerns of Older Adults and People with Disabilities.**

Montgomery County wants to understand the transportation patterns and needs of older adults and individuals with disabilities as we plan for the future, and your responses to this survey will be very helpful to us. If you, a member of your family or a friend have transportation issues or concerns, please click on the link below to complete this survey sponsored by the County's Aging and Disability Services at the Department of Health and Human Services - <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/GettingAllAroundtheCounty> Deadline for submission is October 18.

Questions? Contact Elaine Binder, Director of "Getting All Around the County" at [ekbinder@verizon.net](mailto:ekbinder@verizon.net)

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## Gilchrist Center for Cultural Diversity Announces Fall Class Schedule

Registration for Fall 2013 Programs begins soon! Three locations will host a variety of classes. Classes offered at the Upcounty Regional Services Center will include English classes for various skills levels, and Citizenship Preparation classes. The Pro Bono (free) Legal Clinic will continue as well for Montgomery County residents. For more information, please go to the Gilchrist [website](#) or call 240-777-4940.

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## Expanded Recycling Program; Additional household items may be dropped off for recycling at Transfer Station's Recycling Unloading Area

For details, see press release at [http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/PR\\_details.asp?PrID=12284](http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/PR_details.asp?PrID=12284) or visit the website at [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/recycling](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/recycling)

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### Preliminary PHED Committee Draft

The [Preliminary PHED Committee Draft](#) of the revised zoning ordinance is posted on the project website. The draft is still under review and any additional changes will be incorporated into the Final PHED Committee Draft. Please note that section references in this draft have not been updated and may not be correct. Articles 59-8 and 59-9 have yet to be reviewed by the PHED committee, and are therefore not included in this draft.

The draft includes PHED Committee decisions through August (**GREEN** text), plain language edits, corrections, and clarifications (**BLUE** text). Deletions are indicated by [brackets], and text added to the draft is underlined.

### Preliminary Revised District Map Amendment

An updated version of the [interactive zoning map](#), which represents District Map Amendment G-956, is available on the project website. The revised version of DMA G-956 contains all of the proposed and approved changes that have occurred since May 2, 2013, including those made by the PHED committee. For detailed information about the changes contained in the revised map, click [here](#).

For questions about the map, please contact [Matt.Johnson@montgomeryplanning.org](mailto:Matt.Johnson@montgomeryplanning.org) or 301-495-1325.

### PHED Committee Worksessions

The Planning, Housing, and Economic Development (PHED) Committee will continue review of the draft zoning code next Friday (9/13). The [schedule for PHED worksessions](#) is available on the County Council website and the PHED committee packets are available [here](#). Please contact the Council directly if you have questions about the PHED review schedule.

For more, visit [zoningmontgomery.org](http://zoningmontgomery.org)

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**If you are a Montgomery County-based organization, you should know that the application for FY15 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) public service funding is now available online at:**

[http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/dhctmpl.asp?url=/content/dhca/community/Grants\\_Admin\\_Spec\\_Projects.asp](http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/dhctmpl.asp?url=/content/dhca/community/Grants_Admin_Spec_Projects.asp)

*The application deadline is Monday, September 23, 2013 at 4:00 pm.*

Please check the link above for additional information or call Matt Greene at 240-777-3631 or Steve Brown at 240-777-3685 with any specific questions you may have.

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### ***September is Library Card Sign Up Month!***

Montgomery County Public Libraries (MCPL) encourages residents of all ages who don't have a card to stop by any MCPL branch and sign up. Each person who signs up for a new card will receive a special gift. For more information, please go to the [MCPL website](#).

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**Office of Human Rights to Host Community Picnic;  
Sunday, October 13 1:00pm-5:00pm (*rescheduled from September 15*)  
Wheaton Regional Park  
2000 Shorefield Road, Wheaton**

Montgomery County's Office of Human Rights will host a "Friendship Picnic" to bring together diverse communities to share their cultures, traditions and faiths. Food and beverages will be provided. This event was originally scheduled for September 15. The picnic will be co-hosted by the Montgomery County Committee on Hate/Violence, the Human Rights Commission, the Office of Community Partnerships and the Montgomery County Executive's Faith Community Working Group.

Anyone who wishes to attend can RSVP by email to [mocofriendshippicnic@gmail.com](mailto:mocofriendshippicnic@gmail.com) or by calling 240-777-8456.

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***Find the best weekend festival or event for you!*** <http://www.visitmontgomery.com/>

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**County Council** <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/cs!tmpl.asp?url=/content/council/news/news.asp>

**Planning Board** [http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/departments/news\\_releases/](http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/departments/news_releases/)

***Also check out the latest from:***

Department of Public Libraries <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/content/libraries/index.asp>

Department of Recreation <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/rectmpl.asp?url=/content/rec/index.asp>

Department of Transportation <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot/index.html>

Department of Environmental Protection <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/deatmpl.asp?url=/content/dep/dephome/index.asp>

Department of Permitting Services <http://permittingervices.montgomerycountymd.gov/DPS/general/Home.aspx>